

SECTION 6.8.(e) Neither the development of the Strategic Information Plan nor the provisions of this section shall place any new or additional requirements upon The University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Community College System.

USE OF COLLECTION ASSISTANCE FEE

SECTION 6.9.(a) G.S. 105-243.1(e)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) To pay for postage or other delivery charges for correspondence directly and primarily relating to collecting overdue tax debts, not to exceed ~~three hundred fifty three thousand dollars (\$353,000)~~ five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) a year."

SECTION 6.9.(b) The General Assembly finds that a computer system that records tax payments and determines when the payments are overdue directly and primarily relates to the collection of overdue tax debts and that the cost of the computer system is subject to the collection assistance fee set forth in G.S. 105-243.1. The Department of Revenue is authorized to use funds in the 20% Collection Assistance Fee Account, Budget Code 24704-2474, during the 2007-2008 fiscal year to replace the Department's current computer system, and these funds are appropriated to the Department for that purpose. The Department shall not use more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Account to replace the Department's current computer system. Funds appropriated to the Department in this subsection remain in the Account until withdrawn for expenditures for a replacement computer system and shall remain in the Account if not expended during the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the purposes set forth in this subsection.

SECTION 6.9.(c) The Department of Revenue shall contract with private counsel with the pertinent information technology and computer law expertise to review requests for proposals and to negotiate and review contracts associated with the Integrated Tax Administration System. G.S. 114-2.3 does not apply to this subsection.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BUDGET REVIEW

SECTION 6.11.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 147-33.88, the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall develop an annual budget for review and approval by the Office of State Budget and Management in accordance with the schedule prescribed by the Director. The approved ITS budget shall be included in the Governor's budget recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 6.11.(b) The Office of State Budget and Management shall ensure that State agencies have an opportunity to adjust their budgets based on any rate changes proposed by the Office of Information Technology Services.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES REVIEW OF STATE IT BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

SECTION 6.12.(a) The State Chief Information Officer (SCIO) shall review each information technology project budget request from the various State departments, agencies, and institutions prior to the formal submission of those requests to the Governor in order to facilitate a coherent and cost-effective State investment strategy for information technology projects and systems. The SCIO's review shall:

- (1) Identify the purpose of the information technology project or system.
- (2) Identify whether the project or system would result in any duplication of effort across governmental agencies, including State, local, and federal agencies.